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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT INJECTS NEARLY \$636,000 INTO RURAL NEBRASKA

--ENERGY, ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY FACILITIES & BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT BENEFIT

Lincoln, Neb., September 21, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development recently funded 43 projects throughout Nebraska totaling \$635,878 that will impact rural areas in matters of energy, business development and essential community facilities.

“Dollars invested into rural Nebraska are dollars well spent,” stated Nebraska State Director Scot Blehm, USDA Rural Development. “USDA Rural Development is pleased to be able to assist in projects that will help strengthen Nebraska’s rural economy. Conservation of energy, business development, facilities that offer increased protection to our rural residents and those that promote community involvement are all important to strengthening and growing rural communities.”

Energy Efficiency Improvements and Renewable Energy Systems grants are awarded to farmers, ranchers, and for-profit small businesses to provide assistance in the development of renewable energy such as wind, solar, biomass, biogas and geothermal; and energy efficiency improvement projects such as insulation, windows, doors, HVAC, refrigeration, lighting, pumping/air/motor systems. *Nebraska received \$418,348 in energy efficiency improvements and renewable energy systems grants. Recipients include:*

- The Front Porch Inn-Bassett-\$7,270-new energy efficient HVAC system, water heater, dryer, windows/doors, insulation.
- Grand Central Foods, Inc.-York-\$39,290-energy improved freezer equipment for grocery store.
- Allmand Brothers-Holdrege-\$2,710-new energy efficient light fixtures in manufacturing plant.
- Warnken Farms-Hildreth-\$12,018-convert to pivot irrigation.
- Bernard Fehringer-Sidney-\$4,490-convert irrigation to electrical power.
- Buzz’s Marine Supply, Inc.-Kearney-\$4,870-new efficient heat pumps, install duct work, new coils to existing gas furnace.
- Darren Franzen-Gothenburg-\$20,250-convert to pivot irrigation.
- Diamond Pines, LLC-Gothenburg-\$3,690-replace 80 light fixtures, increase tonnage of cooling system and convert to air-to-air heat pump.
- E&L Holding, LLC-Chadron-\$57,940-new heating/cooling, insulation, windows, lights and shop heat.
- The Eating Establishment, dba Runza-York-\$2,650-new energy efficient heat pump.
- Flower Land-Valentine-\$9,570-energy improvements including new windows, doors, insulation, heating/cooling system.
- Fred Koch-Beatrice-\$15,630-convert to low pressure pivot system with electric motor.



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- Gene Niederklein-Wilber-\$17,250-convert to low pressure pivot system and electric motor.
- Goertzen-Ensz Farms Partnership-Beatrice-\$8,940-new pumping system, electric motor and low pressure pivot.
- Gregory Anderson-Minden-\$2,730-convert to Iveco diesel powered engine.
- Gross Seed Company-Johnstown-\$4,870-install energy efficient windows and doors.
- Heavenly Treasure Inc.-Pawnee City-\$5,700-new heating/cooling, windows and lighting.
- James Albers-Minden-\$3,880-convert to high efficiency diesel powered motors.
- JD Printing and Publishing Company-Neligh-\$9,440-install higher energy efficient insulation, heating, lighting, doors and windows.
- Jeffrey Rahe-DeWitt-\$11,710-convert to low pressure pivot irrigation system.
- Johnny B. Lien-Springview-\$4,000-new, efficient irrigation pump and electric motor.
- Larjo Farms Inc.-Fairbury-\$13,310-new low pressure pivot system and diesel power unit.
- Marvin Zimmerman-Plymouth-\$15,400-convert to energy and water efficient low pressure pivot system and new electric power unit.
- Larry Siebert-Henderson-\$17,370-convert to efficient pivot systems and electric motors.
- Mulhall Farm's Inc.-Gretna-\$49,830-install geo-thermal heating system for new green houses.
- Pizza Hut of West Point, Inc.-West Point-\$4,000-new energy efficient HVAC system.
- Quad J Limited-Bertrand-\$3,250-purchase two new irrigation well motor systems.
- Randy Hughes-Royal-\$5,740-new, efficient pump, accessories and electric motor.
- RGR Farms-Royal-\$7,120-convert two irrigation motors to electric power.
- Seger Funeral Home Inc.-Atkinson-\$6,000-new, high efficiency heating/cooling equipment and windows.
- Sorensen Grading-Plattsmouth-\$2,670-improve lighting and heating systems, replace overhead shop door, install insulation at business.
- Tom Svoboda dba D.C. Auto Parts-David City-\$3,470-new heating/cooling equipment, windows and doors in business facility.
- Uncle Buck's Lodge-Brewster-\$2,740-energy efficiency improvements to freezer/cooler and water heating equipment.
- Victor Bohuslavsky-Brainard-\$5,420-convert irrigation to new, high efficiency diesel units.
- Vulpes Corporation-Broken Bow-\$6,630-new 10 ton high efficiency heat pump to provide heating and cooling for theatre in Broken Bow.
- Wahoo Locker, LLC-Wahoo-\$19,610-new energy efficient locker equipment.
- Wallen Farms INC-McCook-\$6,890-convert irrigation wells to electric motors.

Rural Business Enterprise Grants (RBEG) are awarded to public bodies, non-profits, and Indian Tribes to facilitate and finance development of small and emerging private business enterprises in rural areas. Rural Business Opportunity Grants (RBOG) are awarded to public bodies, non-profits, Indian Tribes and cooperatives to provide technical assistance for business development and to conduct economic planning in rural areas. *Nebraska received RBEG and RBOG funds totaling \$127,700. Recipients include:*



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- Loup Basin RC&D Council awarded \$83,000 in RBEG funds to purchase equipment for an Information Technology Center that will provide training and educational opportunities for small business development, youth, organizations, emergency personnel and health service professionals in a nine county area of the state.
- Nebraska Grain and Feed Association received \$44,700 in RBOG funds to design, implement, evaluate and replicate a Hunting and Recreation Cooperative in Nebraska.

Economic Impact Initiative grants are available to non-profit groups, public entities and Indian Tribes to develop essential community facilities in rural communities with extreme high unemployment and severe economic depression. *Nebraska received \$89,830 in economic impact initiative grants. Recipients include:*

- Village of Ragan awarded \$27,000 for community/fire hall improvements benefiting 46 rural residents.
- Lynch Rural Fire District received \$19,330 for the purchase of a grass fire truck that will serve 854 rural residents of a 7 township area.
- Sandhills Development Corporation received \$24,500 to acquire medical equipment for the Sandhills Development Corporation medical facility serving primarily the nearly 500 rural residents of Mullen with secondary service area consisting of rural areas of all or part of Hooker, Grant, Thomas and McPherson counties.
- Village of Cotesfield awarded \$19,000 to develop a well for fire protection serving 66 rural residents.

For additional information, contact your local USDA Rural Development office or the USDA Rural Development State Office at (402) 437-5551, (402) 437-5093 (TDY); Rm. 152 Federal Building 100 Centennial Mall North Lincoln, NE 68508. Visit <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/ne/> to locate an office nearest you.

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